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DIFFICULTIES IN THE GDR IMPORT PLAN BECAUSE OF LATE SUBMISSION OF SAG IMPORT REQUIREMENTS
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This 4-page photostated document, dated 4 January 1952, is a letter from the GDR State Planning Commission's Main Department for Material Planning to its Main Department for Goods Circulation regarding import requirements of machinery and other products for SAG's (soviet corporations).

Requirements of the SAG enterprises were submitted too late for their inclusion in the regular GDR import plan. It was possible to cover part of them under Miscellaneous Imports.

In the beginning of November 1951, 13 SAG enterprises submitted a total of 163 lists containing 600 individual items which were approved by the Import Control Commission [literally: commission charged with lowering imports]. Because of the efforts to lower imports, particularly of machinery, Miscellaneous Imports were decreased from 40 to 21 million DM. In spite of the fact that many SAG import requirements were disallowed by the Import Control Commission, Miscellaneous Imports were insufficient to cover the SAG requirements. Moreover, many items in the miscellaneous category are earmarked to take care of emergency needs.

Everything possible has been done to include the SAG requirements in the import plan. Some regular import plan items which were not earmarked for a special purpose were set aside for the SAG's. In spite of all that, some of the SAG needs could not be satisfied. The following amounts should be made available:

a) For machinery products, 15 million DM	DM
Steam boilers and turbines	11,359,000
Large special machine tools	2,329,000
Pipe lines, high-pressure pipes, etc.	1,189,000
	<u>14,877,000</u>
b) Precision and optical instruments	500,000
(87 items, not listed separately)	1,250,000
c) Chemical products	475,000
60 tons of methylene chloride	55,000
5 tons of PV dyes for soft igelit [plastic]	150,000
6 tons of stabilizer J	150,000
8 tons of lubricant K	<u>120,000</u>
	<u>474,000</u>

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All these chemical products are needed by SAG Kaustik

d) Electrical products have all been covered from Miscellaneous Imports.

A total of 18 million DM must be made available to cover SAG requirements not included in the import plan. This figure also includes some products which were not listed in the document. It was particularly important to have the money available in view of the negotiations which were to take place in the near future with Czechoslovakia.

The last few pages of the document list the individual machine products required by the SAG's [see a) above]. The two lists are headed as follows: Consecutive number in the SAG requirements list; quantity; item; amount in 1,000 DM; and receiving plant.

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